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**Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a Geologic
Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level
Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada
(DOE/EIS-0250-D)**

Dear Ms. Dixon:

The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) submits the attached comments on the Yucca Mountain Draft EIS.

These detailed written comments supplement the oral comments made by State public utility commissioners (and NARUC members) at public hearings held in Atlanta on October 21, 1999 and Washington, DC on October 26, 1999.

The DEIS comprehensively analyzes the environmental impacts of this very complex and important federal project. DOE should be commended for the extensive public outreach efforts made since the initial scoping in 1995 through widespread distribution of the document, extensive open meetings in 11 States and a 180 day public comment period.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the DEIS and urge DOE to continue the site characterization and suitability decision process so that spent nuclear fuel can be moved from reactor storage sites to a fully licensed repository at Yucca Mountain at the earliest possible time.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Gray
Executive Director

Cc: Dr. Ivan Itkin, OCRWM

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